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SUBJECT: U.S. NAVAL USE OF SINGAPORE FACILITIES

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1. IN KEEPING WITH REFTEL A PARA 6 AND REFTEL B PARA 4 I CALLED ON SINGAPORE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND DEFENSE MINISTER GOH KENG SWEE AUGUST 29 TO BRING GOS UP TO DATE ON SITUATION AFFECTING U.S. USE OF SINGAPORE NAVAL FACILITIES. I INFORMED HIM THAT WE WERE NO LONGER PURSUING APPROACH TO NEW ZEALAND AND WERE INSTEAD DISCUSSING ALTERNATIVES WITH UK GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD MEET OUR NEEDS FOR ACCESS TO FACILITIES AND AT SAME TIME NOT CREATE POLITICAL PROBLEMS FOR GOS. I ALSO SAID WE WOULD LET GOS KNOW ONCE DECISION HAD BEEN REACHED.

2. GOH WAS OBVIOUSLY PLEASED AT BEING CONSULTED, DID NOT SUGGEST IN ANY WAY THAT DROPPING NEW ZEALAND ROUTE DISTURBED GOS, AND VOLUNTEERED THOUGHT THAT IT SHOULD BE COMPARATIVELY
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EASY MATTER FOR FACILITIES IN QUESTION TO COME UNDER UK CI-

VILIAN CONTROL.

3. GOH THEN REFERRED TO PIER USED TO TIE UP "NUCLEAR SUBMARINES"
AND STATED THAT UK NAVAL AUTHORITIES WERE PLANNING TO TURN OVER
MONITORING EQUIPMENT USED ON THIS PIER TO GOS. SINGAPORE "SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY BOYS" COULD HANDLE MONITORING RESPONSIBILI-
TIES, HE SAID, BUT BECAUSE OF CERTAIN EXTRA SINGAPORE REGULA-
TIONS IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY FOR GOS TO APPROACH U.S. FOR TECH-
NICAL ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING EQUIPMENT, IN CONNECTION WITH
MONITORING. I TOLD HIM THAT I WOULD REPORT THIS TO WASHINGTON
AND WOULD GET BACK TO HIM IF U.S. GOVERNMENT HAD ANY COMMENTS
IT WANTED TO MAKE.
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